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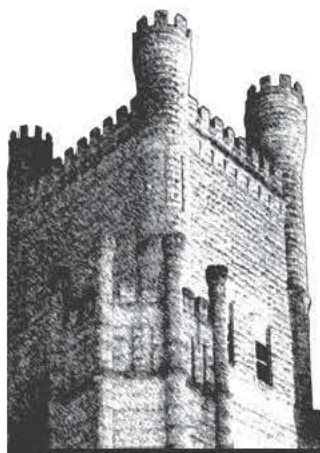
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Hencken sees nursing in school's future

"It is a major problem when nurses are retiring and there are not new workers to fill those positions."

LOU HENCKEN, EASTERN PRESIDENT

BY JENNIFER PERVAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

A nursing program may become a part of Eastern's curriculum in the near future.

Last spring, President Lou Hencken started considering the idea of establishing a nursing program after his mother-in-law was in

the hospital and had heard that there was a shortage in nursing.

"I kept hearing how nurses worked long hours because there were not enough of them and hearing this brought the shortage of nurses to life," Hencken said. He decided Eastern needed to establish a nursing program to anticipate this need.

Hencken contacted Todd Lindley, former vice president of resident nursing at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System in Mattoon to attain records about current and projected nursing shortages in Illinois. Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System worked with area nursing schools

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Bush says 'we will prevail' over terrorism

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

NEW YORK — President Bush picked apart John Kerry's record on the Iraq war and tax cuts Thursday night and summoned the nation toward victory over terrorism and economic security at home. "Nothing will hold us back," he said in a Republican National Convention acceptance speech that launched his fall re-election campaign.

"We are staying on the offensive — striking terrorists abroad — so we do not have to face them here at home," Bush said in a prime-time address not far from Ground Zero of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

"And we will prevail."

"Four more years, four more years," the delegates chanted as Bush strode — alone — onto a podium in the middle of a heavily fortified convention hall. His introduction was a video that stirred memories of Sept. 11 — and credited him with "the heart of a president."

"I believe this nation wants steady, consistent, principled leadership, and that is why, with your help, we will win this election," he said.

First lady Laura Bush joined her husband on stage as he finished his speech, followed by Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife and extended families.

On cue, thousands of red, white and blue balloons floated down from the ceiling, mixing with confetti and colored streamers in a made-for-television spectacle.

Bush's speech marked the beginning of a two-month campaign sprint to Election Day, and Kerry clearly couldn't wait. In a ferocious counter-attack after a week of GOP convention-week criticism, he called the wartime commander in chief and Vice President Dick Cheney unfit to lead the nation.

"I'm not going to have my commitment to defend this country questioned by those who have refused to serve when they could have and by those who have misled the nation into Iraq," he said in remarks prepared for a midnight campaign appearance in Ohio.

Kerry won five military medals in the Vietnam War; Bush was stateside in the National Guard and Cheney's five draft-era deferments kept him out of the service.

Library hours renewed

Booth gets extra hour, \$150,000 for new books and periodicals

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

President Lou Hencken announced Wednesday that Booth Library will have extended hours effective Sept. 7.

The library will close an hour later at 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced earlier this month that there would be no rescission in Eastern's budget, allowing these additional funds to be allocated. According to Dean of Library Services Allen Lanham, the additional money will employ student workers at the library during the later hours, but other library workers will not be asked to work more.

"The university is not providing us with additional civil service or faculty staff to stay open for these hours," Lanham said. The library has anticipated the money for student workers and adjustments have been made to readjusted civil service to the new hours; there now will be

fewer workers at other hours of the day, he said.

Eastern is required to set aside 2 percent of its funds from the state and give that money back if asked.

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Keith Rice, a junior history major, takes time out from class to study thursday afternoon in Booth Library. Rice said that it was cool the library will be open longer now, and he plans on taking advantage of the opportunity.

"I think it's great because the library is worthless if it's closed."

CHRIS GETTY,
STUDENT BODY
PRESIDENT

EIU: Where Sociology is on FIRE
Blair Hall Survivor 2004

BRANDY HEADLEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lisa New Freeland, a sociology professor, designed the bumper sticker and sent them to sociology students to boost morale.

Blair Hall bumper stickers show light heartedness

BY AMY SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Memories of Blair Hall's fire continues to haunt the faculty members and students at Eastern.

The movement of offices and classrooms, loss of records and relocation of students are only a few of the major adjustments made this semes-

ter. The time of transition has proved difficult for everyone involved, but one sociology professor found an unusual way to bring humour to the situation.

Lisa New Freeland, a sociology professor and an active member in her department, designed bumper stickers that read, "EIU: Where Sociology is on fire; Blair Hall

Survivor 2004."

The stickers were ordered in May of 2004 and sent to sociology students over the summer to boost their morale and help them "get back into the swing of things," she said.

"The sociology club normally sells stickers, so I ordered them from the same company and mailed them to my students over the summer," New

Freeland said. "I had enough left over to give one sticker to each department member."

Gary Foster, the sociology department chair, supported New Freeland's idea.

"(The stickers) are a light hearted gesture toward what was otherwise a

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

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Scattered
thunder storms

SATURDAY

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Mostly sunny

SUNDAY

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Isolated
thunder storms

MONDAY

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Isolated
thunder storms

TUESDAY

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Partly cloudy

AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Man who killed student was not drinking

Toxicology reports revealed the man involved in a July accident that killed SIUC student Melissa Hoppe was not under the influence of alcohol, as police originally speculated.

Terrance Hall was traveling west on state Route 15 in Alorton, six miles outside of St. Louis, when he slammed his Ford Explorer into the rear of Hoppe's Pontiac Sunfire convertible, which was stopped at an intersection.

Hoppe's car was then forced into a SUV in front of her, which then crashed into a van. Hoppe, 20, from Collinsville was extracted by the Jaws of Life, but later died at a nearby hospital.

Hall was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident but may face additional charges when the accident reconstruction report is completed by Illinois State Police.

Hoppe's father, Bob Edgewood said she was on her way to Saint Louis University where she was taking summer courses.

"He just kept on coming and went right on top of her car," Edgewood said through broken syllables. "Right now, we don't know why he didn't try to stop. We think he may have been asleep at the wheel. He had been doing operations all day. But that's just speculation. We don't know. We don't know why he didn't slow down."

Edgewood said his family does not blame Hall, but they wish he would call and offer an explanation or an apology.

"Accidents are accidents," Edgewood said. "We don't hate him. We aren't that kind of people, but he could call and offer closure. All we know about him right now is that he killed our daughter."

To complete the grieving process, Hoppe's mother, Joy Edgewood, is going to temporarily close her Troy business, The Cuttery. Her sister, Ashley Hoppe, just started her freshman year at SIUC.

"People say, 'You will move on, you have to move on,'" said Bob Edgewood. "But it's not going to be the same and it's not going to be happy. When you answer the phone and she's not there, you miss her. When you walk around the house and don't see her, you realize she's not coming back."

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Jon Robeson, a Charleston resident, vacuums the front rug of the new Coles County Democratic Party headquarters late Wednesday night located on The Square on Seventh Street.

WTF?

Prison Guards Find Basketball Full of Pot

McALESTER, Okla. - Basketballs are usually puffed up with air, but somebody found a way of inflating one with a substance usually associated with puffing of another kind.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary officials cut into an exercise-yard basketball and found nearly two pounds of what is believed to be marijuana

stuffed inside.

Acting on a tip from McAlester police, prison officials searched the yard and found the basketball, which held 30 one-ounce packets of the leafy substance.

They seized the basketball from the Talawanda Heights unit, which houses 65 minimum security

inmates for the prison and sits away from the main part of the facility.

Department of Corrections spokeswoman Linda Morgan said two inmates are on lockdown in connection with the seizure.

Morgan said officials don't know how the basketball got on the prison grounds.

COUNTING DOWN

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Days until Eastern's football home opener against the Indiana State Sycamores

WORD DU JOUR

expurgate

1. to amend by removing words, passages, etc., deemed offensive or objectionable.
2. to purge of moral offensiveness.

QUOTE THIS

“It's weird to have class all over campus.”

SARAH DUNCAN, JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

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Fire only causes a flicker of lights

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
STAFF WRITER

Many had to stop and blink in reaction to the brief flickering of lights and fuzzy television sets that lasted only seconds Wednesday evening in most of Charleston, including Eastern's campus.

The flickering was caused by a transformer that caught fire at approximately 8:22 p.m. in nearby Ashmore, Ill., at the Ameren CIPS substation. Fire departments from the cities of Kansas, Ill., Paris, Ill., and Ashmore were called to the scene as well as a Charleston ambulance, and Coles County deputies.

"The cause of the fire may have been the result of a failed bushing, but we're not 100 percent certain," said Lee Morris, a spokesman for Ameren CIPS.

No residents experienced power outages.

Morris said, "The only damage done was to the transformer itself, and the fire was immediately brought under control. It was an insignificant fire and no service was required. 'No staff were located at the substation at the time of the fire and no one was harmed.'"

Morris also noted that there were no cost estimates for any damage done yet.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services said, "There have been no reports on issues of the flickering."

Even though the flickering itself was brief, it panicked a student.



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Ashmore Fire personnel watch a transformer burn in the Ameren CIPS power station east of Ashmore during an electrical fire Wednesday evening.

"I was working on a paper and my TV, lights and computer flickered for a second, but then came back on," said Amber Stanfel, a sophomore education major. "I thought I was

going to lose my paper but thankfully I didn't."

Gary Reed, facilities director said campus experienced a very brief outage as a result of the fire, and emer-

gency generators automatically started to restore critical power to some areas of campus. However, the generators only ran for a short while.

One Eastern electrician was called

out to reset the fire alarm panels, but normal line power was quickly restored from the system and no long-term effects were noticed, Reed said.

Beware of a request to return funding

By MICHAEL SCHROEDER
CITY REPORTER



ROB BLAGOJEVICH



DALE RIGHTER

Although the budget for fiscal year 2005 did not have any cuts in education, State Sen. Dale Righter, (R-Mattoon), has suggested that all students faculty and administrators of Eastern be careful that Gov. Rod Blagojevich not request a return of funding from universities like he did last year.

Righter is encouraging constituents to download the Memorandum of Understanding from the state senate GOP's Web site.

The memorandum is the agreement signed by state leaders including Blagojevich saying that the governor is not allowed to request or impose budget reserves of any kind within fiscal year 2005 upon any state or related funds to be used by the state's

universities.

"Every student, parent and administrator needs to know this," Righter said. "(Blagojevich) needs to be held accountable for (the memorandum)."

Rebecca Rausch, spokeswoman for Blagojevich's office, said education funds in fiscal year 2005 would not be cut, calling Righter's actions "election-year partisan politics."

The budget negotiation, which required an extended session, was described by Rausch as long and she said that Republicans "pushed higher education very hard."

Blagojevich went into negotiation

wanting to cut the budget for higher education by 4 percent because according to Rausch he feels that "there is room for universities to do more with less."

Righter's press release said that after a general agreement that elementary and secondary schools would receive \$400 million, the budgets advanced by Blagojevich and Senate Democrats cut \$26 million from higher education.

In late July, following the signing of the budget, Blagojevich went on radio saying he wanted to cut education budgets, but thanks to

Republican leadership there would be no cuts.

He went on to say that he thinks that universities are a "bloated bureaucracy . . . and could be leaner, meaner and more efficient." The governor added that universities should be prepared to make possible future cuts, which is where Righter comes in.

Righter said that this warning means one of two things either Blagojevich is planning on cutting the education budget in fiscal year 2006, or he will ask for some funding to be returned to the state.

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Individual food options added to campus

By JULIA BOURQUE
CAMPUS EDITOR

Carman, Taylor and Thomas dining halls have given their menus a new lease of life.

Following views expressed by students last spring, an Asian cuisine, made-to-order skillet and individual size pizzas have been added to Carman, Taylor and Thomas' meal options.

"We're always looking for ways to give students more options," said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining. "The students tested these items last year and enjoyed them, so we implemented them into our menu this past summer."

The three new entrees are set up where students can pick their own ingredients and have them cooked how they wish.

In Carman, which offers a rice and

noodle bowl, the students choose vegetables to add to the bowl, and the ingredients are stir fried.

Lindsay DiPietro, a sophomore math major, has tried Carman's Asian cuisine, and highly approves.

"I think the stir fry is terrific," she said. "It's a change of pace from normal dorm food, and it's just as good as China 88."

"Plus, it only costs a meal swipe and is really convenient," DiPietro added.

Taylor offers the made-to-order skillet, which are a brunch/lunch meal and only served on Saturday and Sunday.

"(The skillet) are really good; they're a lot better than what they use to have for brunch," said Claire Masciopinto, a sophomore undecided major. "They usually have another person making them, so the line is a little bit longer, but it's definitely worth

the wait."

In addition to its late night pizza, Thomas is serving individual size pizzas. The individual pizzas are also made-to-order, and they give students options to different toppings.

"There are a lot of different toppings to choose from, but I usually get pepperoni and black olives," Masciopinto said. "I like the other late night pizza, but it's nice to have more options."

The new additions are paid for from the students' room and board fees and are a part of the meal plan.

"(Adding new items) is an ongoing process of evaluating what the students say," Hudson said. "It's premature to say if we'll keep these items and what will happen next year."

"I have received a lot of positive feedback about the new items, but more taste testing of new items will go on."



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Stacy Smith, a freshman journalism major makes a new option at Thomas Hall, the personal pizza, for a customer, Thursday evening.

ADMINISTRATION

New senior seminar class for honors to take off spring '05

By JACLYN GORSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs met Thursday to approve a senior seminar on a new retroactive withdrawal and summer academic load policy termed "Spaceship Earth: The Present State, Honors". The seminar is to commence in the spring of 2005.

In his speech, Alan Baharlou, chair of the department of geology and geography disclosed that they had modified, and improved upon the previous seminar in proposing this new one.

Most senior seminars at Eastern are within the humanities faculty, so by this development, Eastern would now offer about five honors senior seminars.

Spaceship Earth as a course enlightens students about current issues obtaining in the environment. Students will study literature and journals in order to learn more about environmental matters.

A new retroactive and late policy has been approved and only a part will be in the catalog.

"It is a lot of process and we do not want to fill the catalog with process," said Mary Herrington-Perry, CAA executive board member.

In the catalog, students and instructors would be directed to a Web site where they can apply for late and retroactive withdrawal.

The new policy would guide instructors and students on the application process. Late withdrawal exemptions are to be given to those with proven cases of failure in health or other cases beyond the individuals control.

Unforeseen circumstances preventing a student from withdrawing on time include job conflicts or moving out of the location after a course has begun, disclosed Sue Harvey, director of Academic Records. She added that failing a class would not be an option, contrary beliefs held by some students.

A new semester policy was also approved, to commence in the summer of 2005. To make attendance of the program less cumbersome, the calendar has been modified to allow most classes fit into four or six week courses respectively. This policy does not imply an end to the existing eight week courses for graduate, professional education and continuing education programs.

Added to this students are now able to carry for 18 to 15 credit hours without approvals for overload of their credit hours.

"We are trying to maintain our procedures as close as we have done in the past as possible," said Bill Weber, associate vice president for academic affairs.

This policy also prevents undergraduate students on academic warning and probation from enrolling for courses of 12 credit hours during the summer semester as they are allowed only four credit hours for the duration of the program.

Bill aims to increase faculty diversity

By MATT POLI
STAFF WRITER

Eastern will have the opportunity to allow for a more diverse staff as a bill to increase faculty diversity has been passed.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed Senate Bill 3107 aimed at strengthening a minority graduate program and expanding faculty diversity at all higher institutions throughout the State of Illinois. Eastern faculty members commented about the new bill.

"It's difficult to find diverse people to join the university, and I think this bill will be helpful," said Annette Samuels, Professor of journalism.

"I think it will encourage members of minority groups to pursue graduate and professional degrees," said Cynthia Nichols, director of civil rights and diversity at Eastern.

Overall, 39 percent of Eastern's hired faculty members were of minority groups.

"That number identifies that we have effective strategies for recruit-

ment," Nichols said.

She believes colleges and universities in Illinois have their own plans on boosting faculty diversity and this bill will further those plans.

The bill will combine the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program and the Illinois Minority Graduate Incentive Program into a single program that will focus on securing faculty positions for graduates.

Senator Miguel del Valle (D-Chicago) and Representative Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park) sponsored the Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Higher Education Program. They hope it will influence faculty hires as well as representatives of minority advocacy organizations.

The program will grant stipends to students to help pay for graduate school and help them find a faculty or staff job in Illinois after they earn their degrees.

Recipients must agree to accept a full-time position at an Illinois institution of higher education for at least as many years as they received a stipend from the program.

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Tarble renovation is complete

BY DAVID THILL
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Construction on the Tarble Arts Center began in the fall semester of 2003, now that it is complete, the staff is looking forward to the upcoming school year in their renovated space.

"As with any new venture, there is excitement, anticipation and apprehension," said Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center. "Overall the reactions have been very positive and there is every indication that the new addition will take the Tarble Arts Center to a new level of service to the

university..."

Tarble, located on the corner of South Ninth Street and Cleveland Avenue, currently boasts of a 1,000 piece permanent collection, featuring a 500 piece collection of late 20th century Illinois folk art.

However, Tarble has not always appeared the way it does today.

In the early 1950s, the Paul T. Sargent building was opened. The building, named after an Eastern alumnus, served as the artistic center for Eastern until 1982.

In 1982, the Tarble Arts Center was built, effectively absorbing the Sargent building, taking over as the center of

arts for the campus.

The building stood, untouched, for 20 years until, through funding provided by the Mrs. Newton E. Tarble as well as other patrons, renovations began.

Watts, director of Tarble since 1986, wants people to know exactly what the center has to offer since the completion of this renovation.

"We are here as a resource for (students)," Watts said. "We are free. Things change all the time so if you don't like the current exhibition or event, stay tuned because something different is just around the corner."



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Jon Schwanke, a sheet metal worker for Industrial Services Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning of Mattoon, installs copper fascia on the Tarble Arts Center.

Tarble Arts Center Events

- ◆ **"Left Out: Shaped Paintings by Geoffrey Smalley"** Aug. 14 Sept 25, Brainard Gallery
- ◆ **Lecture/Demonstration:** 2 p.m., Sept. 23, Art Park West Room 1430
- ◆ **"Guerrilla Girls on Tour: Masterclass"**: 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 21, Tarble Arts Classroom
- ◆ **Artist's Lecture:** 7 p.m., Oct. 1, Tarble Arts Atrium

- ◆ **Rangoli Creation Workshop:** Sept. 30
- ◆ **"2004 Eiu Art Faculty Exhibiton"**: Sept. 25 Oct. 17, Main Galleries and eGallery
- ◆ **Artists' Talk:** 7 p.m., Sept. 23, Tarble Arts Atrium
- ◆ **"Guerrilla Girls on Tour: Gig"**: 7 p.m., Sept. 22, Tarble Arts Atrium
- ◆ **"Shadow and Substance: Asian Performance Arts"**: Oct. 1 Nov. 28, Brainard Gallery
- ◆ **"Indira Freitas Johnson: A Rangoli Celebrating Unity and A New Beginning"**: Sept. 30 Oct. 2, Tarble Arts Atrium
- ◆ **"Asian Performance Arts" Fall Teachers' Institute Day In-Service Workshops:** Friday, Oct. 8

EIU Dancers will hold auditions Tuesday at McAfee Dance Studio

Y DAVID THILL
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Eastern students, male and female alike, can test their dancing abilities when the EIU Dancers hold auditions next week.

The EIU Dancers, sponsored by

the physical education department, will hold auditions for the 2004-2005 membership at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 7 in the McAfee Dance Studio.

The auditions will consist of warm-ups, basic locomotor motions, as well as a short jazz combination and a ballet/modern dance combination, said

Jeanna McFarland, instructor in the physical education department.

"If (students) have training, I recommend coming out," McFarland said. "But we have some really great dancers on campus, so the competition is tough."

What the dancers really need, though, is men.

"We need boys, lots of them," McFarland said. "We aren't as strict with boys. We'll take absolute begin-

ners."

The dancers will hold auditions on Sept. 7 with call-backs coming on Sept. 9, she said. "We start rehearsal immediately."

The group performs one large concert in the spring and sometimes go to area schools as well as perform for groups on campus.

The team includes several different styles of dance, McFarland said.

"We want to see what the kids do

best," she said. "We want well rounded dancers. One year we did a Scottish dance, one year we did swing. We try to show as many types of dance as we can."

Students who tryout will need to remember to wear either ballet slippers or jazz shoes.

"We don't allow street shoes," McFarland said. "If they don't have dance shoes, they will be dancing barefoot. No socks."

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Latest mural depicts successful local legends

By Ashley Raup
Staff Writer

The newest addition to Charleston's "Murals Around the Square" is complete. Designer and painter Bernard Williams, a native of Chicago, is responsible for designing a mural that recognizes the successful people who have come out of Coles County.

"There were a lot of people from the community involved in this project," said Mayor Dan Cougill.

The mural depicts cinematographer Gregg Toland, artist Jennie Cell, actor Charles Clary, artist Paul Turner Sargent, singer and actor Burl Ives and a tribute to the Coles County Fair.

"When the artist brought his concept and presented it to city council, it was something totally different," Cougill said. "My first reaction was, 'Wow!'"

Cary Knoop, who started the sculpture program at Eastern in 1961, got to meet with the artist and talk with him.

"I found him to be a very fun person," Knoop said. "He's very talented."

Knoop explained that with a mural of this type it is not unusual for an artist to run into many design problems.

According to Knoop, Williams adopted a good solution to the design problems that he encountered while constructing this mural.

"The mural is an acknowledgment of the contributions in all different areas; it acknowledges all different aspects of our society," Cougill said.

The mural also received great commendations from neighboring businesses in the square.

Knoop, owner of the Charleston Alley Theatre, believes the mural is very good and said it reflects the artist's personality and skills.

The "Murals Around the Square" brings tourists and art appreciators from all over the country.

According to Katie Lancaster, manager at What's Cookin', the restaurant has many customers from all around who come in and ask about the murals in the town.

This new addition will only increase the number of people who visit the town.

"It adds beauty, history and color to



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Jeri Baird (left), of Charleston, paints a section of the new mural June 22 at Seventh Street and Monroe Avenue while Chicago artist Bernard Williams works on a section behind her.

the town square area," Amy Lewis, waitress at What's Cookin' said.

With the success of this mural, it is very possible that it will work as a transition for future murals in the downtown area.

Cougill said the Charleston community is broadening its horizons and saying it has a lot to celebrate in this small town. He is amazed by how many influential people have come out of such a small community.

Review of IDOT layoffs suggest Republicans taking the brunt

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — A review of the voting records for 24 people laid off by the administration of Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich shows that 22 voted Republican in recent primary elections and two others didn't vote at all.

None voted Democrat.

But Republican employees aren't being targeted, said a spokesman for the Department of Transportation, where the layoffs occurred. Matt Vanover said Illinois had Republican governors for 26 years before Blagojevich took office in 2003, so it's not surprising that many state employees would belong to the GOP.

"We are streamlining," Vanover said.

Vanover said the department sent out 54 layoff notices at the end of June. Some people chose to retire and

some took other jobs by exercising "bumping rights." In the end, 42 people were laid off, he said, although the department has not disclosed who they are.

The (Springfield) State Journal-Register obtained a May 29 government e-mail listing some of the layoffs.

The newspaper identified 24 people who were no longer getting state paychecks, indicating they have not found other jobs with the state, although three of them do have part-time contracts with the Transportation Department.

None of those 24 chose Democratic ballots in primary elections.

Sangamon County GOP Chairman Irv Smith, whose daughter was among those laid off, has said he thinks Republican employees were being targeted. Some of the employ-

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ees agree, telling the newspaper they have contacted lawyers about possible legal action.

MURDER CHARGE FILED IN JASPER COUNTY STABBING

NEWTON — First-degree murder charges were filed Thursday against a Jasper County man accused in the stabbing death of a woman in Newton earlier this week, the state's attorney said. Robi Mesa Gordillo, 22, also was charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault, home invasion and residential burglary in the death of Dorothy E. Stork, State's Attorney Kimberly G. Koester said in a news

release. Judge Steven P. Seymour ordered Gordillo held without bond, Koester said.

Stork's body was found outside her Newton apartment about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday after a neighbor telephoned police. She died of stab wounds, Coroner Jason Meyer said.

The neighbor, Betty Perkins, said she was in her apartment when she heard Stork's 6-year-old daughter screaming.

"She was yelling, 'Help! Help! Help!'" Perkins told The Effingham Daily News. "I brought her in, and she told me that a mean man was hurting her mommy. She told me there was blood and that her mother had blood on her."

The girl wasn't injured and is in the care of relatives, the Daily News reported.

CAIRO LAYING OFF FIREFIGHTERS

CAIRO — Staff of the Cairo Fire Department will soon be out of work.

Mayor Paul Farris disclosed that the southern Illinois city is laying off its five firefighters due to budget constraints. The positions were created just four months ago.

Fire Chief Brandon Manker said the department will operate on a pay-by-call volunteer basis after Sept. 30 and he will be its only full-time employee. Cutting the firefighters will save the city about \$190,000 in salaries.

Manker said there could be a time when no one is available to respond to a fire because volunteer firefighters, unlike on-call workers, aren't required to stay within city limits. Firefighters also probably won't be able to respond to fires as fast once the layoffs happen.

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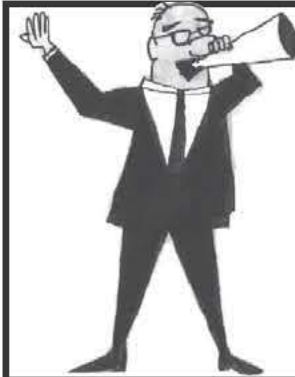
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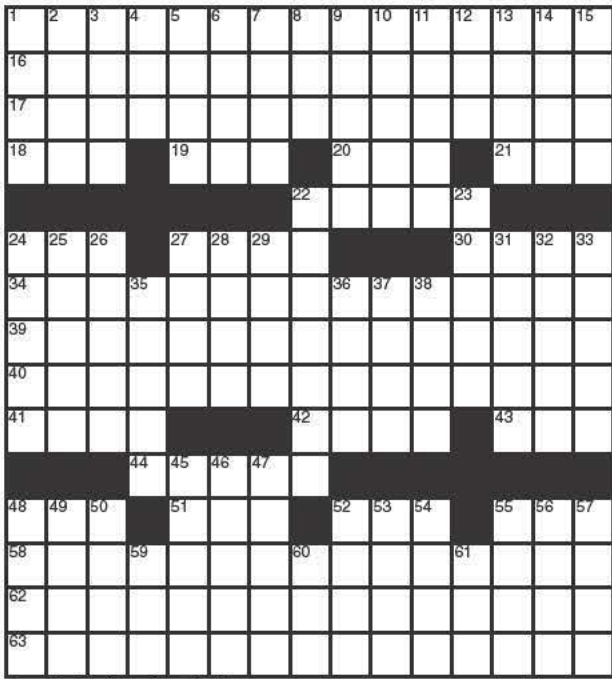
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Warnings posted as Frances approaches

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PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — More than a million people threatened by Hurricane Frances were told to evacuate Thursday, as residents scrambled to board up homes and stock up on water ahead of what could be Florida's mightiest storm in a decade.

A hurricane warning covered much of the state's eastern coast, meaning wind of at least 74 mph was likely by midmorning Friday, three weeks after Hurricane Charley raked the state's western coast with 145 mph wind, causing billions of dollars in damage and killing 27 people.

With its winds also at 145 mph, Frances is as strong as the Category 4 Charley, and it's twice the size, with hurricane-force winds extending up to 80 miles from its center, said Stephen Baig, a forecaster at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The hurricane warning covered a 300-mile stretch from Florida City, near the state's southern tip, to Flagler Beach, north of Daytona Beach. Gov. Jeb Bush declared a state of emergency.

Most people who were told to evacuate were in South Florida — 300,000 in Palm Beach County, 250,000 in Broward County and 320,000 in Miami-Dade County, including the entire city of Miami Beach, with its Art Deco hotels and glitzy nightclubs. Farther north, up to 185,000 people were urged out of Brevard County, and 120,000 in Volusia County.

The I-95 traffic stretched for at least 5 miles in Brevard County, east of Orlando, but was moving slowly. The state said it could reverse lanes on some highways to handle extra evacuation volume, and tolls were rescinded on major roads.

PROMINENT FORMER JUDGE PLEADS GUILTY TO DWI, COCAINE CHARGES

BERNALILLO, N.M. — A former chief judge caught driving with a blood-alcohol level at twice the legal limit pleaded guilty Thursday to DWI and cocaine possession. He was sentenced to a year of probation.

"I feel embarrassed and humiliated as a result of my actions," said John Brennan, former chief judge of state district court in Albuquerque.

Retired state District Judge George Perez accepted the pleas. The cocaine possession charge will be removed from Brennan's record if he successfully completes probation. The DWI charge will remain on Brennan's record.

Brennan, 57, a chief judge for two decades, was arrested near a DWI checkpoint on May 29. His blood-alcohol level tested at 0.169 percent and he also tested positive for cocaine, District Attorney Henry Valdez said.

A few days later he apologized, acknowledging full responsibility. In July, he resigned.

BRAIN SCANS HIGHLIGHT HOW CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LEARNING PATHWAYS DIFFER FROM ALPHABET-BASED LANGUAGES LIKE ENGLISH

Westerners shudder at the idea of reading even the most basic street signs and instructions in Chinese, a language with 6,000 characters to memorize to be considered fluent.

A new set of brain images shows why: Reading English-style alphabets and Chinese characters use very different parts of the brain.

The results also suggest that Chinese schoolchildren with reading problems misfire in a different brain region than the one used in reading alphabet-based languages like English.

This demonstrates that the learning disorder dyslexia is not the same in every culture and does not have a universal biological cause, researchers said.

Neurologists described the results as "very important and innovative."

While dyslexia has certain common roots, they said they now have some proof that this kind of functional problem plays out differently according to the unique demands that Western and Eastern languages place on the brain's wiring and processing centers.

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and hospitals to develop a Department of Health and Human Services Nurse Education retention grant proposal, but the grant was unsuccessful. The grant supported a study done in collaboration with The Illinois Hospital Association that projected that Illinois will have 21,000 fewer registered nurses than needed by 2020. Vacancy rates in Illinois hospitals were high with 11.8 percent for licensed practitioner nurses, 7.1 percent for nursing assistants and 9.3 percent for registered nurses. Mary Lou Randolph, vice president of resident nursing at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System discussed reasons that contribute

to a shortage in nurses.

"The average age of nurses has increased and women are finding careers outside of nursing where a larger career field has opened up that wasn't there before," Randolph said. Society is aging more rapidly creating a higher demand for health care providers, she added.

Another concern in the shortage of nurses is that the nursing work force is nearing retirement. According to the study, in 1988 only 33.1 percent of Illinois RNs were over the age of 45 compared to 49.5 percent in 2000.

"It is a major problem when nurses are retiring and there are not new workers to fill those positions," Randolph said. Hencken hopes to eliminate that problem by possibly creating a nursing department at Eastern.

Eastern currently offers space on its campus to house nursing courses for the Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville. The nursing course credits only apply to Lakeview's credit hours. Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, plans to study the feasibility of offering a nursing program at Eastern.

"The process of developing a nursing program would require a great deal of people power to secure and advance the proposal," Lord said. The process would be multi-tasked because accreditation would be necessary to begin to establish the nursing department, he explained.

For the program to take place Hencken has three steps in mind.

Eastern would make a request to the legislature through the Illinois Board of Higher

Education, apply for state and federal dollars and apply for a federal and state grant for scholarships for students to attend the program.

"We would want to start the process slowly, and I would estimate we could have approximately 100 students to start the program," Hencken said. Eastern would partner with community colleges and therefore be well positioned to offer the program.

Lakeland College offers a nursing program and approximately 150 students are enrolled in the program according to Kathleen Doehring, director of the nursing program at Lakeland College. Doehring said once nursing students attain an associate's degree in nursing from Lakeland the majority of those students attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

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Blagojevich's announcement marked the first time in the last 3 years that Eastern's budget would not have a rescission.

Hencken decided to use some of that money to keep the library open longer, a project

that had been put to the side in recent years due to budget cuts.

"Since I have been president, each student body president and speaker of the senate have asked if the library hours could be extended," Hencken said.

Lanham said that longer library hours have been

requested by Student Government and has been a suggestion on surveys filled out by Eastern students.

"I think it's great because the library is worthless if it's closed. The students will have this great asset instead of having to turn to the 24-hour computer labs," said

student body president Chris Getty.

Also added to the library's funds will be \$150,000 for new acquisitions.

"Our outstanding facility must have the most recent periodicals and books for students and faculty to use," Hencken said.

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devastating experience," Foster said. "It was a way of giving the tragedy and the department more visibility."

New Freeland pointed out that many sociology majors did not have class in few if any other buildings on campus, and might have a difficult time adjusting to attending classes strewn all over.

Sarah Duncan, a junior sociology major, said the bumper stickers are "funny and a good way to put things in perspective" after the sad event.

"It's weird to have class all over campus," Duncan said. "The transition wasn't that big of a deal, but it was definitely more convenient when all the classes were in Blair Hall." New Freeland's students are not the only ones pleased with her creation.

"It was a nice gesture," said William Reed Benedict, a department member.

Students and faculty have continued to show interest in the sociology department bumper stickers. New Freeland said depending on the sociology club's plans more stickers may be produced and on sale for all of Eastern later in the year.

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The Bush-Cheney campaign readied a new general election advertising campaign to build on elements in his convention speech. In the commercials, Bush vows to "spread ownership and opportunity," "make our economy more job friendly" and help lower health care costs.

Locked in a tight race, the president underscored his differences with Kerry on issues of war, tax cuts, values and more. At the same time, he used terms less incendiary than those wielded by Cheney or Sen. Zell Miller, (D-Ga.), from the convention podium Wednesday night.

Bush said Kerry and Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards had both voted against \$87 billion in aid for "troops doing battle in Afghanistan and Iraq." "When asked to

explain his vote, the senator (Kerry) said, 'I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it.' Then he said he was "proud of that vote."

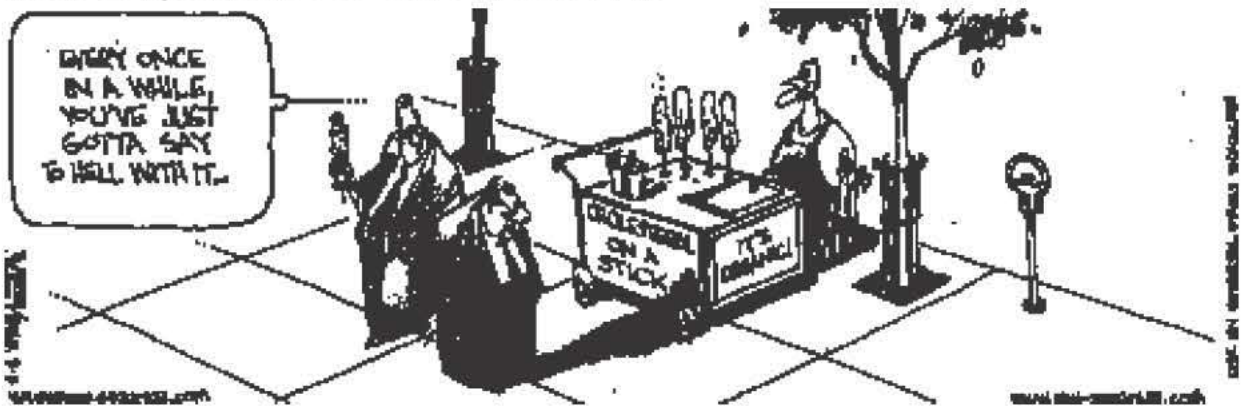
The president said Kerry has proposed "more than \$2 trillion in new federal spending so far, and that's a lot, even for a senator from Massachusetts."

Bush added: "To pay for that spending, he is running on a platform of increasing taxes — and that's the kind of a promise a politician usually keeps."

Contrary to Bush's characterization, Kerry's economic plan calls for rolling back the Bush-era tax cuts only on the top 2 percent of wage-earners, while leaving the rest in effect.

The public opinion polls made the race a toss-up as Bush stepped to a custom-made, theater-in-the-round style podium at Madison Square Garden, the country divided along political lines that shaped the Electoral College strategy for him and Kerry alike.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team looks to veterans for defense

By Aaron Seidlitz
Sports Editor

In soccer, great emphasis is placed on the last line of defense as a goal or two in a match determines a win or a loss. The female defense team in a tournament shoulder a great burden.

For the Panthers, this may be a good sign as they returned with three starting defenders and one goal keeper who all just entered their junior year at Eastern.

The team, which is presently down by a defender relies heavily on their defense to hold the team up while attempting to stay on the offensive this year.

"When you have fewer players less than what we had previously, its just good to know that we have all played together for awhile," junior defender LeeAnne Langsfeld said. "Since we have been together as a group , we know how to look out for each other."

The other two starter backs deep with Langsfeld, include juniors Morgan Frericks and Lindsey Holcomb. The three are confident that the 2004 season will be a solid one for the defense.

Considering the fact that the three defenders are supported by an experienced goalie in Groene, communication is not likely to be a problem for the Panthers.

This is especially important this year when contemplate what the added responsibility providing leadership to the defensive ranks would put upon Groene's shoulders.

Because the team no longer has the sweeper position of the defense held by anyone, the team needs to find somebody else to position the defense in the best way possible.

That responsibility will probably go to the goalie, who has the vision and awareness on the field while the three-man defense attempts to align.

The difference may be subtle, but is one the Panthers feel they can carry out with no real problem.

"With the new formation we definitely notice that there is a difference," Langsfeld said. "When we get back we'll be used to one more person being back there, but overall it is



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Junior midfielder Morgan Frericks controls the ball during a game against Jacksonville State at Lakeside Field Oct 10. Frericks is one of four junior who will fill out the team's defense and goal-keeping positions this year.

something we can handle because of all the experience that we have as a group."

The team was tested by Notre Dame, which was able to put 37 shots up against the Panthers. They will be put to further test when they meet with Nebraska on Sunday as Eastern travels out to Lincoln.

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like they were on vacation the players and coaching staff also went to children's clinics to help teach the game to younger children and also visited a hospital in an effort to reach out to the youth of the country.

At the "Kids Clinic," the Panthers worked with children from area elementary schools from about the fourth through sixth grades. It was an experience head coach Rick Samuels felt was the right thing to do, even though the younger players really didn't need much help.

"The game, at Costa Rica, is the second most popular sport besides soccer," Samuels said. "So when we worked with the children for about two hours, it was apparent that they had the basic skills necessary for a start in playing basketball."

The teaching of the basic fundamentals of basketball, which has caught on in Costa Rica, has produced solid professional as well as national teams in the country.

"There were some really tough teams over there," Samuels said. "We played two games in the National Arena, in San Jose, and the teams we played there gave us such contested games that pushed us to the limit."

"They play a tougher style of basketball that caused some mismatches for us and made the games interesting."

But along with playing and teaching the games, the Panthers took some time to visit a group of people and their land that fascinated the team and everyone else who attended the trip; a trip Samuels hoped to turn into an educational experience for the players.

The mountainous terrain that the



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Catchings (foreground) and red-shirt sophomore Cortez Forte play catch with children at a kids clinic while overseas.

team looked over and wandered through taught the players of new environmental aspects that they did not even know about.

"At one point we went up to this point where they had wires set up so we could swing back down," Samuels said. "The guide described the area as a 'cloud forest' not a rain forest because we were so high up that we actually were in an area that always seemed to be right inside a cloud."

Over there time overseas lessons were learned, games were played and the basketball team came back a little different.

"I think there were two things about the country that stood out," Samuels said. "First of all, especially when we visited the hospitals, the cleanliness was fantastic, it didn't seem like a third-world country at all."

"Secondly, they truly were a nice group of people too us; I think the experience definitely changed us as a whole, and for the better."

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Panthers look toward Lantz early on

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS EDITOR

To not look ahead is a hard thing for any practicing basketball team to do at this point in time. The “monotony,” as Eastern coach Rick Samuels calls it, of the annual practices and hard work of the fall is broken only by exhibition games later on and the look-ahead to the schedule to see who is up first.

“At this point the schedule is pretty firm and pretty much set for the year,” Samuels said. “The only other thing we would like to change would be the addition of one more exhibition game.”

As of right now, the Panthers only have Winona State scheduled as an exhibition opponent.

The team has been left scrambling because usual scrimmage partner, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, is no longer on the schedule. They provide one more opportunity for the team to get out on the court

against competition that is from a different team.

“Exhibition games at least provide us with a chance to break up the monotony of everyday practices,” Samuels said. “The more we play in the preseason, the more of a chance the players have to work out any butterflies that may be in their stomachs.”

Looking ahead to the regular season schedule, things may be more in favor of the Panthers than they had been last year.

The Panthers, this season, have an interesting schedule to look forward to considering early on it is reliant on home game against regional rivals.

Every year, when Eastern schedules teams like Northern Illinois or Western Illinois, the status of who plays on the home court rotates between the two teams.

This season the rotation gives the Panthers a fairly lenient home schedule against teams they know pretty well, considering the team has Northern Illinois, Western Illinois and

Evansville all at home this year.

“That makes for an appealing home schedule,” Samuels said. “The games that can be considered regional rivalries we have at home.”

“I think they have become rivalries considering the schools are closely related and many of the players who play against each other know each other already and that is why the game may mean a little more to them - bragging rights.”

Besides those games at home, the Panthers will have some difficult non-conference opponents. Most of those games will also be testing Eastern on the road.

Opening night, the Panthers travel to the Rosemont Horizon to take on DePaul, a team that is coming off an NCAA Tournament birth just a year ago.

They also travel to Kansas State and Purdue, in back-to-back games, before the Ohio Valley Conference schedule begins.

The team travels to Kansas State on Dec. 30, and to Purdue on Jan. 1.

But those games will be seen as tests to Samuels and his team, a test against some top-notch competition.

“For us those games will be very tough, but that is why we schedule them,” Samuels said. “It is a convenient time to schedule those kinds of schools because there are no classes, and we can travel.”

Further down the line, Eastern will also have a difficult start to the OVC season as they start on the road for the first four games.

Samuels refuses to believe in that aspect of the schedule as a negative, however, because he hopes his team will learn how to win on the road creating an easier time of it at home.

“We have to believe we can win those games on the road,” Samuels said. “That way when we come back home we can have the comfort of playing on our court with the advantage of already winning some important games on the road.”

Men's Basketball Calender							
11/6	WINONA STATE (EXHIBITION) AT LANTZ ARENA	7:05 p.m.	12/30	At Kansas State, Manhattan, KS	1/29	Jacksonville State at Lantz Arena	7:05 p.m.
11/23	At DEPAUL, CHICAGO, IL	7:30 p.m.	1/2	At Purdue, West Lafayette, IN	2/3	At Murray State, Murray, KY	7:15 p.m.
11/28	EVANSVILLE AT LANTZ ARENA	4 p.m..	1/6	At Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, TN	2/5	At Tennessee-Martin, Martin, TN	6 p.m.
12/1	MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY AT LANTZ ARENA	7:05 p.m.	1/8	At Austin Peay, Clarksville, TN	2/8	Southeast Missouri at Lantz Arena	7:35 p.m.
12/4	At INDIANA STATE, TERRE HAUTE, IN	6:05 p.m.	1/11	At Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau, MO	2/10	Tennessee State at Lantz Arena	7:35 p.m.
12/7	Illinois Benedictine at Lantz Arena	7:05 p.m.	1/15	At Tennessee State, Nashville, TN	2/17	At Morehead State, Morehead, KY	
12/11	Norethern Illinois at Lantz Arena	7:05 p.m.	1/20	Austin Peay at Lantz Arena	2/19	At Eastern Kentucky, Richmond, KY	
12/17-18	At Nevada Classic:		1/22	Tennessee Tech at Lantz Arena	2/24	Tennessee-Martin at Lantz Arena	7:35 p.m.
	EIU, Florida Atlantic, Idaho State and Nevada	TBD	1/27	Samford at Lantz Arena	2/26	Murray State at Lantz Arena	7:05 p.m.
12/21	Western Illinois at Lantz Arena	7:05 p.m.					

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one national title in his four years at the school. And in tandem with his promise to his father, Hutson made his dream of being on Bob Hope’s all-american football a reality on several occasions.

CAREER MOMENTS

His interesting career was rife with captivating plays and memorable moments. he revealed an event in his life which had made his stand out.

“Being voted team captain my senior year was my greatest personal accomplishment,” Hutson said. “To me that’s the highest individual honor to have that respect from your peers.”

However, one of the most peculiar occurrences in Hutson’s career came in the ‘88 national championship. With the Sooners trailing 20-7 Barry Switzer called a “fumbleroowski”. The ball was snapped and intentionally dropped by the quarterback who then ran an option left. Hutson picked up the ball and ran 29 yards for the

touchdown, but it proved to be too late for the Sooners who lost 20-14.

After graduating form Oklahoma, Hutson was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the third round; a time he remembers with nostalgia.

“I had my family with me that day and I remember how excited I was when I got that call,” Hutson said.

Hutson noted the differences between playing for the NFL and playing for college.

Not only were players bigger, stronger and faster, they were also very businesslike , unlike college.

“In college guys are playing for enjoyment,” Hutson said. “Guys in the NFL are too but there’s also that check that comes every Tuesday.”

CHANGING WITH THE TIMES

While at Dallas, Hutson got to play under one of the greatest coaches of our time, Tom Landry.

Landry contrasted Switzer, Hutson said, in that he wasn’t outgoing and was very reserved. He paid great attention to detail and expected a lot of

players from his players.

Soon after arriving in Dallas, Hutson sustained a back injury and had to go through surgery and rehab. When he returned to the team, Landry had been replaced with Jimmy Johnson, the new head.

“Jimmy Johnson knew how to push a players buttons,” Hudson said. “He was able to obtain the most out of every player.”

Not long after, his return Hutson was released from the team. He tried playing for several other teams, including the Lions, Cardinals and Bear, but never found his way back onto a NFL roster.

“If I had a disappointment in football that was it,” Hudson said. “So I got to start my coaching career a little earlier than I expected.”

Hutson returned to Oklahoma in 1990 as a graduate assistant for the football team and worked alongside Larry Coker, now the head coach of Miami. Hutson finished graduate studies at Arkansas in 1992.

“To be a head football coach is the top of the profession,” Hutson said. “I hope to be there someday.”

While at Arkansas, Hutson worked

with offensive coordinator Houston Nutt, who was then offered a job at Murray State. Nutt offered Hutson a special teams position and he accepted.

“The first thing I did was call my wife and then I looked up where Murray State was at,” Hutson said.

He spent three years at Murray State before moving on to Boise State for a season and finally landed back in Arkansas in 1998 helping coach the Razorbacks for two seasons. Hutson then got an offer from Tulsa to coach offensive linemen, which was what he wanted to do having played the position himself.

After two unsuccessful years with the Golden Hurricanes, Hutson, along with the rest of the staff, was let go in 2002.

“After the tough times at Tulsa I asked my oldest son (Ethan, 12) if he wanted me to get a real job or stick with coaching,” Hutson said. “He told me he wanted me to stick with it. He liked Saturday’s for the game and being able to hang around the team.”

THE REST OF THE FAMILY

Huston’s family, which includes wife, Sherri and sons Ethan, Dillon

(10) have all been very supportive throughout his career and enjoy having football as part of their life. Having a job that places great emphasis on success bothers some people, Hutson said, but not when you are part of it.

After Tulsa, Hutson came to Eastern in 2003 where he has built a strong and remarkable yet young offensive line.

Through all of his experiences in football Hutson says he has taken an aspect of all his coaches which he has incorporated into his own style. Whether it be the player relationship skills he saw in Switzer, the attention to detail of Landry or the ability to get the best out of a player like Johnson, he has molded those aspects into a style of his own.

“There’s the player and the person,” Hutson said. “A player is between the lines. And (as a coach) you do things to make them better. I learn how to push different players ‘hot buttons’.

“With the person I like to have a personal relationship. Off the field, you’re directing things at the person not the player.”



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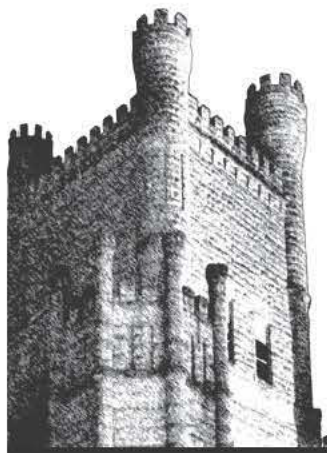


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SATURDAY	Volleyball At Sea-Sun Invitational	10:30 a.m.
	Women's Rugby vs. Nebraska	11:30 a.m.
	Men's Soccer at Northern Illinois	3 p.m.
SUNDAY	Women's Soccer vs. Bowling Green	1 p.m.

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OUT OF LEFT FIELD

MATT MEINHEIT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Judging by the cover

Has anyone heard this line before? "You can't judge a book by its cover."

You probably have and might agree or disagree with it depending on its context. My question is how does it apply to football teams and media guides?

This year's media guide for Eastern football features defensive linemen Kory Lothe and Marcus Lorick and offensive lineman Pascal Matla. After seeing three linemen on the cover, my expectations for Eastern's football team this season went from low to rock bottom.

Dave Kidwell, the assistant athletic director for sports information and marketing said Lothe, Lorick and Matla were chosen for the cover because they were the most decorated returning players to the team.

"Normally we try to highlight those with the most honors and Lorick and Lothe were both second team All-OVC last year," Kidwell said.

Woohoo, Eastern's best players are on a defense that gave up 150 rushing yards a game last year.

But I'm forgetting Matla. The 6'5", 300-pound junior center anchors an offensive line that yielded two sacks a game last year.

I'm sure they have improved since last season, but I'm not filled with exuberant confidence.

After the success of the Tony Romo era at Eastern, last year's 4-8 record was a tough pill to swallow. But it was a different team then.

Eastern had their stud quarterback and could go out and score with the best of them.

After Romo graduated and offensive coordinator Roy Witke left for Arkansas, the Panthers had to change their philosophy from outscoring their opponents to stopping their opponents.

But often as the case is in Division I-AA college football, Eastern's team identity has changed. Coaches left and a new one came in. Upperclassmen graduated and unknown underclassmen with something to prove came in.

If you get beyond the cover of the football media guide you'll find a different story. Not one of a mediocre defenses and an offense without a clear go-to guy, but one of a young team with something to prove.

Eastern's roster has just 11 seniors on it. Deductive reasoning indicates the rest of the 80-plus man roster will be back after this season.

Although the cover to this season's story might not seem exciting, next year's has much more promise.

'Sooner,' then later as a Panther

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern's offensive line coach, Mark Hutson has had his up's and downs in his football career. A career which has taken him around the Country and seen him surrounded by some of the most prominent names in the gridiron.

Hutson, now in his second season as Panthers coach, has gained the respect of his young offensive line with a remarkable style.

Junior center Pascal Matla said Hutson is the best coach he has had in his career and has developed a strong relationship with him on and off the field.

On the field, Hutson knows how to motivate his players but he also keeps an open door policy especially for Matla who came to Eastern from Voorburg in the Netherlands.

"Since I'm so far from home I can't always call because of the time difference," Matla said. "I know I can go to him if I need something and I can't call my parents."

Hutson's openness comes from years of experience in football and being around coaching greats like former Dallas Cowboy head coach Tom Landry, former Cowboy and Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer, current Miami (Fla.) coach Larry Coker, current Miami Dolphin coach Dave Wannstedt and current Texas coach Mac Brown.

That is just a sample of the long list of prominent people that Hutson has met, played with and coached alongside in his career, allowing him to name-drop at his will.



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Offensive line coach Mark Hutson talks to players after the Indiana State game Sept. 27 in Terre Haute, Ind. Hutson has been as All-American at Oklahoma as well as playing professionally for the Dallas Cowboys.

JUST A GOOD OLE' BOY

Hutson was born and bred in Arkansas, started playing football when he was 6 and knew he wanted to coach football by the time he entered high school. Hutson recalls watching Bob Hope's All-American college football show when he was a child and telling his father he wanted to be there some day.

It wasn't long before he received offers of football scholarships from top higher institutions from around the Country. His both parents graduated

from the University of Arkansas and expected him to choose the Razorbacks college for his Undergraduate as well as football program since he grew up in the state. But an offer from the University of Oklahoma put an end to their desire for him.

"I was seventeen when I was being recruited for college and a little naive," Hutson said. "It was rewarding for all the hard work to pay off."

In 1985, Hutson arrived in Oklahoma. At his first team meeting, his head coach Barry Switzer wrote on the chalkboard, as he did every year, "Big 8 championship" and under-

neath it "National Championship". Those items were just a small taste of the tradition and expectations of the Sooner football program.

"Barry was a great players' coach. He related to players well and was very fair," Hutson said. "He didn't have a lot of rules but if you broke one he was stern in (his) discipline."

At Oklahoma, Hutson played 36 games and participated in four Orange Bowls. Three of which were for the national championship.

Oklahoma lost five games and won

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Trip to Costa Rica brings team together

BY CHRISTOPHER HIGHTOWER
STAFF WRITER

When the spring semester ends many students are left with few options.

Most look forward to strenuous low paying jobs or internships that turn into gopher work.

The Eastern Basketball team, however, was lucky and those were not problems for them thanks to a twelve day tour of Costa Rica this past summer.

Most would think of this trip as a pleasure trip but it was all business for the team. They played seven games against Costa Rican national teams and returned home with a new sense of maturity and growth.

"This trip gave the team the chance to gain unity, camaraderie, as well as a sense of urgency," assistant coach Barry Stevens said.

The team had the opportunity to see how some of their teammates react in game situations as some of the red shirt players from last year saw their



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team takes time out after a game against the Costa Rican National team to meet the opposing players. Eastern's team spent 10 days and played seven games while in the country.

first game-time action.

Through seven games the team came home with a 5-2 record and a brand new mentality.

"A few of the games were close and we as team could have given up, but we came together and pulled out some close wins," Stevens said.

Senior forward Aaron Patterson

was one of several players who stood out on the trip. As a whole, senior forward Andrew Goczynski, senior guard Emanuel Dildy, junior guard Jake Sinclair, and red-shirt freshmen forward Bobby Catchings all showed signs of improvement.

"We all came together and just played the way we are supposed to,"

Patterson said. "We got to gel as a team and we're all just waiting for the season to start so we can show what we are capable of."

Not only did the team come together, they also had the chance to learn some life lessons that carry over from the court to real life.

For many players it was their first time traveling internationally and they all took something away from it, especially considering Costa Rica is a third-world country.

"Seeing people who don't have the chances I have and never will, made me see the urgency of using the benefits I have," Patterson said.

Coach Stevens backed that thought up as well.

"The trip showed us how fortunate we truly are in the states to have what we have and to not take it for granted," Stevens said.

While overseas, the Panthers did much more than just play basketball. Instead of spending their time acting

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